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SANITARY DISTRICT WILL BE FORMED

Committee Appointed at Meeting to Do Preliminary Work.

Niles Citizens Take First Step Toward Organization.

The regular meeting of the Niles Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening was given over to the discussion of the sewer question. The meeting was well attended and after a lengthy discussion the Chamber voted as the sense of the meeting that it approved of the organization of a sanitary district for Niles. It then adjourned and the meeting was organized as a Citizens Meeting. M. J. Connors was chosen chairman and M. B. Sneden Secretary. A Sanitary District Committee consisting of G. F. Sullivan, J. B. Barnard and M. B. Sneden was appointed. It will be the duty of this committee to secure the necessary data to guide the citizens in their deliberations and to pave the way for the formation of a sanitary district. Much discussion was had as to the probable boundaries of the district, its assessed valuation, the cost of the system, etc., but were largely speculattive and tentatvie. Two very interesting talks were made by J. B. Holly, a civil engineer of San Francisco, and C.A. Plummer of Niles.

Another meeting will be held next Tuesday evening to hear the first report of the committee.

Will Gather More Well Data

Although the case at Washington on the water question is now up for hearing our people must remember that the fight against the old and the new water companies is not yet won. In order to provide evidence for future use in protecting our water supply the Water Committee has secured the services of a competent man to measure the water levels of our township. The present is a most opportune time to gather this data and the Press hopes that our people will do everything in their power to help the committee's representative to measure the depth to water. It may not be known to many that the city of San Francisco has already spent in the neighborhood of $10,000 gathering evidence on the Niles Cone. The very least we can do is to make the work as easy and inexpensive as possible.

If necessary take off your pump to let the measurement be taken. It is to your interest.

Other representatives of other interests are in the field but the man representing the Water Committee and the city of San Francisco should have your confidence.

If he calls on you, stop your work for a half hour and give him all the information you can. Remember now, RIGHT NOW, before the winter floods, is the time to get the measurements. Remember also that your wells are at the lowest point that they have ever been in the history of the township.

Our people are learning to act together. If they continue to do so they will save their water supply.

NO DOUBLE TRACK YET

The rumor of a double track on the Southern Pacific from Hayward to San Jose which the Press started two weeks ago proved premature. The information coming apparently from a reliable source just before going to press was given notice. Further inquiry last week failed to confirm the report. The work being done at present is to widen and strengthen the present roadbed. Heavy 90lb. rails are soon to be laid but the double track doesn't seem to be forthcoming.

MURPHY MAKES GOOD

Supervisors Indorse Hetch Hetchy Project

LONG FIGHT OF THE PRESS ON THE WATER QUESTION WINS OUT

Superviosr D. J. Murphy has made good on the water question. The Press congratulates Mr. Murphy for having the courage to take a stand openly and squarely for the best interests of our people as opposed to the private interests which have so long dominated the affairs of this district. His action last Monday was directly in harmony with the promises made to our people during the primary campaign. It is in refreshing contrast to the policy of the Board during the past ten years. It indicates that we have entered upon a different era politically in this supervisorial distrct and the Press is delighted to learn that it is so.

The action of the Board of Supervisors in adopting the resolutions on the water supply question last Monday is the first definite and important stand ever taken by the county board on this all important question. Coming as it does from the official body representing the entire county of Alameda, the important bearing it may eventually have upon this question cannot be overestimated.

That the Press is highly gratified goes without saying. It is not because OUR policy has won out, it is because the BEST INTERESTS of the PEOPLE have been SERVED. The events of the past year have [illegible] Board last Monday. If we have been over persistent and perhaps tiresome at times on this water question, it is because we have believed it to be the greatest and gravest question concerning our people and because we wished to leave nothing undone that would help to set forth most strongly the needs and rights of our people. Every move that we have made has been with the one purpose in view — to conserve the future prosperity of our section. The action taken by the Board of Supervisors was the one public expression that was needed to strengthen the case of our people in Washington next Monday. The case is now made up and few of our people realize the care and cost that it has entailed. There has been no quitting on the job until the last item of evidence was in.

We believe that San Francisco will win the case next week in Washington. If she does, Pleasanton and Washington townships will win out with her and the future will be secure whether the city buys out Spring Valley or not. If the Press has in any way contributed to the proper presentation of the people's side of the controversy it has been made possible only by the loyal, unselfish and public spirited support of some of the best people of our township. So far as we are concerned the case is made up. And may success attend the efforts of the men in Washington who will make the good fight not only for a great city but for one of the most promising food producing sections that private interests would offer up as a sacrifice to man's selfishness.

During the past week the Spring Valley company's answer to the city's contention that all the remaining water supply of the Alameda Creek watershed and of the Niles Cone was needd by this district itself came into the hands of the city's representatives and it was necessary to make reply at once as only two days remained before the delegation would be obliged to leave for Washington to attend the hearing. The Spring Valley made three principal points through its [illegible] Mr. Roeding by which it attempts to justify the further development of its water supply by impounding dams, etc. First it claimed that the summer crops of this section, owing to the humidity of the climate, etc., were all sufficient without irrigation and that irrigation was not practiced and not necessary. Second, that the lowering of the water table had not and would not affect the productivity of the section. Third that the flood waters in the Alameda delta were a serious injury preventing the proper cultivation of the land. The company admitted the lowering of the water table. It couldn't do otherwise as the evidence was too conclusive.

In order to disprove the contention of Mr. Roeding, the editor of the Press in company with J. C. Shinn of the water committee and Mr. Holly of San Francisco secured signed statements from a dozen of our farmers and fruit growers absolutely contradicting Mr. Roeding's statements and disproving them by actual figures.

Last Saturday the editor of the Press met the representatives of the city at the Oakland mole as they were leaving for the East and it was decided to adopt resolutions favoring the Hetch Hetchy grant to the city.

On Sunday Mr. Murphy was visitvisited by the editor of the Press and without a particle of hesitation declared his willingness to go on record and to introduce the resolution. On Sunday afternoon through the courtesy of Mr. Shinn, the officers and representatives of the Associated Chambers of Commerce throughout the township were visited and their signatures secured to a request to the County Board. This was delivered to Mr. Murphy on Monday morning who introduced the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted by the Board:

"Whereas, Alameda creek is the only available source of water supply for the Niles Cone region and adjoining territory of Alameda county, California; and

"Whereas, the Spring Valley Water Company is now diverting 16,000,000 gallons daily to San Francisco from said Alameda creek, and

"Whereas, the Spring Valley Water Company proposes to divert additional water from said Alameda creek to San Francisco, thereby depleting the resources of Alameda county; and

"Whereas, all of the water of Alameda creek will be required in the near future for the existing and rapidly growing agricultural, horticultural and manufacturing industries in said Niles Cone region and adjoining territory within the limits of Alameda county, California; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the board of supervisors of Alameda county hereby protests against the diversion of any of the waters of Alameda creek to the city of San Francisco, and be it further

"Resolved, That the board of supervisors of Alameda county endorses the showing being made by the city of San Francisco and adjoining bay cities before the honorable Secretary of the Interior in the matter of the retenton iof Hetch-Hetchy valley as a source of additional water supply for said communities; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be wired to the honorable Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C."

INTERESTS IDENTICAL.

The following resolution was also adopted:

"Whereas, The interests of Alameda county are identical with those of the city and county of San Francisco in the matter of securing the Hetch-Hetchy valley as a source of water supply for the use of the community of the San Francisco bay region; and

"Whereas, The interests of Alameda county require that it be represented at the hearing in regard to said watter supply before the honorable Secretary of the Interior at Washington, D.C., beginning Nov. 25, 1912; therefore be it

"Resolved, That J. H. Dockweiler and Charles A. Beardsley be and they are hereby appointed as representatives of Alameda county at said hearing; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the honorable Secretary of the Interior at Washington, D. C."

ATTITUDE OF CHAMBERS.

The following communication setting forth the attitude of the Associated Chambers of Washnigton township, was read:

"Honorable Board of Supervisors

Gentlemen: The Associated Chambers of Commerce of Washington township realizing the extreme importance of the hearing in the Hetch-Hetchy matter to come up in the city of Washington, D. C., on November 25, 1912, do earnestly request that your honorable body immediately urge upon the Department of the Interior the granting to the city of San Francisco of the rights in the Hetch-Hetchy valley in order that the further exploitation of the water supply of the Alameda creek watershed and the Niles cone may be averted.

"(Signed) Henry May, President,
"Chris Runckel, Secretary,
and represtatives of Centerville, Niles Irvington, Decoto, Newark and Mission San Jose."

Copies of a resolution declaring that the further diversion of the waters of the Alameda creek watershed would inflict an "irreparable injury" were presented by Mr. Murphy, and adopted by the board.

NILES BRIDGE IN DANGER

May Not Be Completed Until Winter is Over.

Lengthy Hearing Before Board of Supervisors Over Matter.

The Niles bridge work held the center of the stage in county affairs this week. The rumor that County Surveyor Haviland was inclined to permit postponing the completion of the work till spring aroused the business men of Niles and Sunday evening in the fire house a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held. Various speakers denounced the proposed delay in vigorous terms and a resolution proposed by J. E. Jacobus protesting against the delay unless a temporary bridge should be constructed, was adopted. A large delegation selected appeared before the board and argued at length that their business would be ruined should the board decide to order work on the bridge suspended until spring without compelling the Locke Construction Company to provide some temporary structure adequate for all kinds of traffic.

Supervisor D. J. Murphy espoused the cause of his district with a vigorous denunciation of the contractors, whom he accused of violating every provision of their contract and seeking to deceive the Board of Supervisors. Murphy contended that the contractors had made no attempt to complete the structure, that they lacked proper equipment and organization and that it was not now their intention to complete the work.

He charged that the company hoped to secure from the supervisors continuous delays in order to avoid that clause in their contract which provided for a forfeit of $25 a day after December 1.

CONTRACTORS MAKE PLEA.

Contractors on the othr haned, headed by President Locke and Engineer Howard, insisted that they would be able to complete the work by January 1 and they said they could not, if the work was ordered stopped, provide anything else but a temporary footbridge, to which Murphy would not listen.

Murphy took the attitude that the contractors had nobody else but themselves to blame and he served notice upon the members of the board that he would not stand for any concession to them, but would insist that the rights of his district be looked into.

County Surveyor Haviland outlined a method by which he thought that within 30 days the skeleton of the new bridge and the arching could be so reinforced with concrete rivets that it would serve through the winter. This would entail a $40,000 expenditure by the contractors. The hearing was heated and the discussions ran on until way in the afternoon.

Those who appeared from Niles were: F. Vernon Jones, E. A. Ellsworth, J. E. Jacobus, J. B. Barnard, Philip Ellis, G. O. Darrow, Thomas Bedard, A. Kell, C. B. Overacker, M. Crane, and F. Roundtree.

WILL SUBMIT PROPOSITION

The matter was finally disposed of with the understanding that the contractors would prepare a proposition for submission to the board some time this week after they had conferred with County Surveyor Haviland. Deputy District Attorney Leon Clark added a new phase to the ploblem by notifying the board that they could not prevent the contractors should they so desire from completing the bridge. Any proposition looking toward the deferring of the construction of the bridge would have to come from the contractors themselves, who were not willing to make such a proposition unless the terms of the original contract were modified, particularly if they were compelled to provide means of transit in the interval.

COMPANY REORGANIZED.

On Wednesday it was reported that

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OUR FARMERS SECTION

We trust that our readers will carefully read our Farmer's Section It is carefully edited by a corps of competent writers and every week it contains much that is valuable for our farmers to know and much that is of interest to all.

We call your attention this week to the following articles of particular interest.

Farmer's Clubs.
Tree Growers in Convention.
Saving and Resttoring Land Fertility.
Starting a Young Orchard.

The Dairy, Poultry and Household sections are all particularly interesting this week.

DEATH OF MARJORY JACKSON

Again the voice of God has called and the spirit of Marory Jackson left its frail earthly house to dwell forever with the angels in the happiness and sunshine of God's eternal home on high. Only a short time was Marory a sufferer from physical pain. But those who loved her dearly and cared for her most tenderly are sorely stricken. For being the victim of an early infantile sickness, she was the cherished one in a large family. She was the little comrade of her father and mother and the pet of her sisters. She was always a happy child and everything that could make her childhood a happy one was hers. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jackson of Irvington. She was aged fifteen years on September 27, and passed away on November 15th. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon the services being especially sweet and simple. The body was laid away in the Irvington cemetery, beautiful flowers being sweet messengers of human sympathy and of God's love.

Reception in New Guild Hall

The afternoon reception and sale of fancy articles by the members of Trinity Guild last Thursday afternoon in Guild Hall was very successful and the ladies felt quite encouraged at the result of their first effort in their new building. Coffee, served at one table, and sherbet and cakes at another by the ladies who gave careful attention to all.

There was a good display of fancy articles, most of which were sold duirgn the afternoon. Mrs. Orpin was the winner of the sofa pillow and Mrs. Barnard of the knit shawl. The perfect weather was all that could be desired. The sum of $50 and over was cleared.

Ladies were present from the neighboring towns.

PICTURE COMPANY WILL SHOW TWO NIGHTS IN CENTERVILLE

Edison Moving Picture Co. shows at Centerville next Monday and Friday nights.

THEATRE PARTY ON DECEMBER 9.

Native Sons and Daughters Have Secured Oakland Orpheum.

At a meeting of the joint committee of Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West, which is in charge of the preliminary work of the restoration of the Mission San Jose, held in Pythian Temple, Oakland, last Friday night, the theatre party which is to take place at the Oakland Orpheum on Monday evening, Dec 9, was the principle topic of discussion.

The Natives have bought over the theatre for that night and are to sell the tickets. The proceeds are to go toward the work of restoration of the old Mission San Jose. The different parlors of the county are selling the tickets now and it is hoped that the local Native Sons and Native Daughters will meet with success in the disposal of their share of the tickets.

The meeting last Friday night in Oakland was well attended. About sixty delegates, representing nearly all of the parlors of Native Sons and Native Daughters in the county were preesnt. In the absence of Joseph R. Knowland, the regular chairman of the Restoration Committee, Mrs. C. Hall presided. Resolutions of condolence and sympathy for Mr. Knowland were passed and the meeting adjourned owing to the death of Mr. Knowland's father.

Catholic Fair Big Success

The Catholic Church of Niles closed a three days fair on Saturday night. On Thursday night there was an entertainment under the direction of Mr. Anderson of the Essanay Film Co. which was well attended and a good sum was realized from the first night's venture. On Friday and Saturday night there was a splendid attendance. The donations of fancy articles had been generous as well as groceries, hay aond grain and liquid refreshments. Some of the articles were sold outright, others were raffled through the selling of tickets, while much was disposed of through the sale of paddles.

The receipts were $900..10 and the expenses were $30.50 leaving a sum of $$869.60. The ladies are very much pleased with the success of the fair, the amount raised being nearly enough to clear the church debt.

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The Forum

(Note—The Press will be glad to print signed articles in this column each week. Contributions must be short—about 300 words and not over 500—must be legibly written on note paper, and must bear the signature of the contributor.)

A VERY INTERESTING LETTER FROM PERU

(The following is from a letter written by Chas. S. Haley, who is now in peru as an expert on hydraulic mining, in the employ of a London company. Newark school, under the principalship of Mr. H. Lynch, had the honor of sending to the Centerville High School the youngest pupil ever enrolled there. This was Charley Haley, who entered at the age of eleven. He is now a mining engineer.)

Hullaripa, Peru, Oct. 3, 1912.
Dear A.:— After two months of travel and waiting (for this is the land of manana) we have arrived at our destination. I am sitting in front of my tent, on a camp stool, writing on the bottom of an up-turned gold-pan. We eft San Pedro with an entirely new outfit of packers, mostly Indians. The first night we camped at a sheep-herder's hut, the next out in a snow-storm, 16,000 feet up in the Andes. Two days later we arrived at the mine. We are waiting (again) for more help and machinery to come in.

This place consists of a collection of abandoned stone huts and the ruins of a church, built in 1794. Directly across the valley rise the cliffs of our gravel deposit, about 600 feet above us. Below are the tailings of centuries of work done by the Incas, Spaniards and Peruvians. I have no doubt that part of the "roomful of gold" paid Pizarro by one of the Incas as a ransom, came from this place. By the way, I saw Pizarro in Lima a month ago. He seemed rather stiff and formal, in fact, quite mummy like. I went to Chattmanca, two days ago to get a loadof supplies and arrange about our mail. As I was the only English-speaking person in the town it was "up to me" to speak Spanish and I got along all right. Was entertained at the house of the principal merchant who repaid himself for his hospitality by chargin three prices for all I bought. I dined opposite a young lady who ate her soup with great gusto and then leaned over and wiped her mouth (and nose) very daintily upon the table-cloth. My host said that as soon as he saw me, he knew I could speak at least five languages. I counted up English, French and Spanish but ould not think what the other two were and concluded that they must be the Latin and Greek I learned at the Centerville High and have forgotten. I returned his compliments by telling him he had a wonderful country, only lacking development.

"Booze of all sorts flows freely in these parts and they seem to have very little use for water, even for bathing purposes. The climate suits me and I am in the best of health; we have a fine cook and live well. From what I can see, I do not think the mine will prove worth taking over (there are so many difficulties in the way) and after I have sent in my report, shall probably be on my way to Northern Cal. again, about the first of the year. I'd like very much to go on o the Argentine Republic, which is to be the coming cattle and agricultural country of the world, like Cal. before it was developed, but on a much larger scale. Oct. 3, my mother's wedding anniversary, Thirty-six years ago she did not thing that her youngest son would today be sitting in the heart of the Andes, inscribing a letter to his big brother in Cal.

I visited another camp, the other day and passed a lake swarming with ducks, principally teal, sprig and nidgeon. They were so tame you could almost kill them with a stick. Have had no mail from home since I left. The mail service is frightful here. With love to all, C—.

STEPS ARE INTELLIGENTLY TAKEN AGAINST DEPLETING WATER RESOURCES OF THIS COUNTY

(Oakland Enquirer, Nov. 20.)

Members of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors have acted intelligently and for the good of this community in protesting against the continued use of the waters in Niles canyon for the benefit of San Francisco. In order to safeguard local interests it was necessary for the board to adopt resolutions favoring Hetch-Hetchy as the source of municipial water supply for San Francisco. Berkeley has acted likewise. This, of course, is satisfactory to San Francisco. What effect the action of the Oakland and Berkeley officials will have relative to the water supply for the city across the bay remains to be seen. The final struggle for San Francisco's right to use Hetch-Hetchy valley in the development of the Sierra water supply, is listed for next Monday in Washington before the Secretary of the Interior. Oakland's stand in the matter will be outlined by special representatives.

It is time that a halt was called in the further development of a water supply in Alameda County for the use of San Francisco. Alameda creek is the only available source of water supply for the Niles canyon region and adjoining territory of Alameda County. The Spring Valley company is now diverting from this source 16,000,000 gallons daily to San Francisco. According to report the company is now completing arrangements to divert a still larger flow from Alameda creek, thereby depleting the water resources of this county. There is no question but what the water of Alameda creek will be required in the near future for the existing and rapidly growing agricultural, horticultural and manufacturing industries in the Niles canyon region and adjoining territory. As the full water supply is needed locally, or at least will be needed within a comparatively short tome, it seems unreasonable that this community should sit idly by and allow the water supply to be diverted by a distributing corporation to an outside city.

San Francisco, as a matter of fact, is no more deeply interested in a conservation or improvement of her water supply than is Oakland. This section of the State is growing at a rapid rate and whatever natural advantages she may enjoy should be protected to the utmost. It is generally understood that the adaption of the Hetch-Hetchy supply to the needs of San Francisco would free the waters of Niles creek for use in Alameda county. Whether Oakland intends to avail herself of an opportunity to join with other cities in obtaining a portion of the Hetch-Hetchy water supply is at this time outside of the argument. San Francisco's position in this respect, however, has a direct bearing on the present and future welfare of this community.

If San Francisco can benefit herself and at the same time free Alameda county from a condition which threatens her best interests, no obstacles should be put in her way. It is to be hoped that the Secretary of the Interior will see the affair in the right light and act accordingly.

BOOST YOUR LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WHETHER you are willing to admit it or not your local Chamber of Commerce is the only organized effort in your town that exists solely to promote your TOWN. If your town hasn't a Chamber of Commerce or if it is poorly attended and supported your town is the looser. It would surely be able to do more if it had better support. If you are a property owner and don't contribute your mite toward the support of your local organization you are pursuing a very short sighted policy.

Whether you can see the results or not your local body is working twelve months in the year to improve your COMMUNITY.

It may not do all you think it should. It might do more if you supported it and attended its meetings regularly. But at any rate it is busy all the year round TRYING TO DO something. That's what counts in the end. A live Chamber of Commerce in a town is a sure sign of progress.

The Associated Chambers of Commerce during the past year have worked hard to protect the water supply of our people. We believe they have accomplished more than yet appears on the surface. They have started a movement that will eventually grow into one of the biggest questions of our county. This all comes from organization.

Never mind if you are in the minority in your chamber go to its meetings anyhow. Occasionally you will be in the majority. Of one thing you can rest assured that whether you attend or not the Chamber of Commerce will live unless your town is absolutely a helpless one.

THE FIRST STEPS TAKEN

THE action of the Niles Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday evening in indorsing the move for the formation of a sanitary district and the appointment of a Sanitary District Committee by the Citizens meeting are the preliminary steps looking toward a sewer system for Niles. The Committee will, during the coming week, ascertain the necessary legal method of proceeding. The bounds of the proposed sanitary district will be taken up at a subsequent meeting.

Under the law a community not incorporated may organize itself into a sanitary district for the purpose of installing a sewer system. It will be necessary first to organize the sanitary district after which bonds may be voted if the district so desires.

At present the purpose in Niles is to form a sanitary district embracing the territory lying between the Alameda Creek and the California Nursery and the hills. If this is done it is the purpose to install a septic tank similar to the one at Pleasanton, at Livermore and other towns.

It will not be possible to arrive at the estimated cost until the Committee has investigated the question more thoroughly. It is sincerely hoped by the Committee and the citizens who are active in the matter that all who are interested in the question of a sewer system will take the liberty to express themselves to the committee, at the meetings or through the local papers. It is desired to have a full, free and frank discussion of the question.

Come out to the meeting next Tuesday.

A FARMER'S CLUB

WE believe the time is ripe for the formation of a Farmer's Club in Washington Township. This kind of an organization is very effective in other parts of the country and can also be made effective here. It will have the co-operation of the local Chambers of Commerce and of the agricultural department of our local high school and the State University at Berkeley is always willing to help out such an organization.

A Farmer's Club ought to do much to help the agricultural interests of our township. Why not have one and let it meet in the different towns and put our new school buildings to a good use.

THE CANNERY AT NEWARK

THE PRESS hopes to see some effective move made during the coming year to utilize the cannery building at Newark. Washington Township should have at least one cannery and we believe Newark is the proper location for it. If the united sentiment of the township were placed behind the project something might be accomplished.

In the meantime Newark should reconsider its action and affiliate with the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Washington Township.

THE Board of Supervisors of Alameda County represents a constituency of a quarter of a million people. Their protest against the further diversion of the water of Alameda creek ought to make the protests of a handful of nature lovers against the conversion of the Hetch-Hetchy valley into a lake look mighty small.

NILES BRIDGE IN DANGER.

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the Locke company had been reorganized and strengthened financially and would rush the work along.

Many of our people are inclined to criticize County Surveyor Haviland for suggesting a temporary stopping of the wory. We are inclined to believe that Mr.Haviland's advice,while not exactly in harmony with our business a ffairs in Niles, is really prompted by a desire to protect the interests of the county and give us in the end a bridge of which we may all be proud. . The company has until Dec 1 to finish the work which of course it cannot do and will probably be given an extension of time. At any rate a temporary bridge of some kind will be needed before long unless the elements are unusually considerate of us in our perplexities.

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5.20p.	Stockton Express	6.41p
9.50p	Rio Grande Eastern	Exp....
9.10a	Atlantic Coast Mail	10.33a

Toward San Francicso:

Lv. Niles		Ar. S. F.
5.45a	Pacific Coast Mail	7.30a
....	W. P. -- S. F. Exp.	8.45p
8.55a	Stockton Express	10.20a

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89	5.53a	San Jose	7.00a
93	7.00	Livermore	8.00
91	7.48	San Jose	9.00
95	1.05p	San Jose	2.20p
181	1.40	Stockton	2.40
31	2.59	Sacramento	4.00
97	5.03	San Jose	6.20
37	6.10	Sacramento	7.00
51	9.28	Fresno	10.15
149*	10.50	Pleasanton	11.50

From San Francisco:

Leave S. F.	Oak. 1St.		Arr. Niles
110	2.15a	2.52a The Newsboy	3.37a
500		4.05 Milk	4.50
90	6.40	7.15 San Jose	8.15
82	7.20	7.54 Stockton	8.42
33	9.00	9.34 Sacramento	10.25
92	1.00p	1.33p San Jose	2.25p
504	1.20	1.57 Centerville	2.50
94	2.40	3.15 San Jose	4.10
38	4.00	4.34 Stockton	5.20
96	4.40	5.15 Livermore	6.10
182	5.20	5.55 San Jose	7.00
98	6.20	6.55 San Jose	7.57

Toward San Jose:

Lv. Niles		Ar. S. Jos
90	8.20a San Francisco	9.00a
188	10.30 Centerville	11.05
92	2.30p San Francisco	3.05p
94	4.13 San Francisco	4.55
190	6.25	7.00
98	8.00 San Francisco	8.40

From San Jose:

Lv. S. Jose		Ar. Niles
89	5.15a San Francisco	5.50a
513	6.05 Centerville	6.55
91	7.10 San Francisco	7.45
95	12.25p San Francisco	1.00p
97	4.20 San Francisco	5.00
189	5.25	6.00
515	4.30 Centerville	5.20

Centerville Branch:

Lv. Niles		Ar. Newark
507	4.57a Milk Train	5.10a
513	6.58 San Francisco	7.11
509	3.00p San Jose	3.15p
515	5.25 San Francisco	5.43

Lv. Newark		Ar. Niles
188	10.00a Niles Passenger	10.12a

Dumbarton Cut-Off:

Lv. Redwood		Ar. Newark
512	5.15p Oakland	6.00p

Lv. Newark		Ar. Redwood
509	3.20p	4.30p

*Sunday Only.

Minstrel Show Saturday Eve

One of the best prepared entertainments made up of local talent will be given in Connors' hall in Niles on Saturday night, November 23. An entire program will be carried out by the ladies. There is to be three parts to the program. The first part is made up of music and jokes. The chorus work is excellent and the different solo parts are very pretty.

The second part of fancy drill is a very pretty one.

The third part, a comedy entitled "Mrs. Black's Pink Tea." is indeed very funny. The whole program is bound to please.

A social dance will follow the entertainment. Admission including dancing is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Niles Notes

Born—Hatch---In Juneau, Alaska, Nov 17, to the wife of Chester W. Hatch (Florence Hudson) a son.

BORN — In Oakland, Nov. 18, 1912, to the wife of N. D. Roventini, a 10 pound boy.

Mrs. George Jones of Alameda and Miss Gertie Hill of Alameda spent last week with Mrs. E. Bailey, Mrs. Jones' mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Higley spent last Sunday in San Jose, it being Mr. Higley's vacation.

Miss Jefferosn of Los Gatos is visiting this week with Miss De Cora.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shinn and children spent last Wednesday at Alum Rock springs, going down by automobile, the occasion being Mrs. Shinn's birthday.

Mr. C. G. Titus of Sacramento, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of that city and formerly the national secretary of that organization, visited Mrs. Schofield at the Belvoir last Tuesday.

Mrs. Chittenden at the Belvoir is planning to entertain a large number of guests on Thanksgiving. The day is one which many families set apart as one for family reunions. The Ellsworth, Jacobus, Bonner and Mayhew families always plan for family reunions on that day.

Miss Muriel Plummer of Centerville is spending some time with Mrs. Clough. Miss Plummer is able to walk about carefully and is slowly recovering from the unfortunate accident in San Francisco some months ago when her leg was badly broken.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mosher of Oakland spent the week end at the family home in Niles andwith Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Moster were dinner guests at the Eberly home at the California Nursery on Sunday. Mrs. Harry Mosher will entertain at a bridge luncheon on Tuesday of next week at her home in Oakland.

Though the winter rains have begun and the nights are chilly, gardens are abloom with beautiful flowers, the chrysanthemum being in its glory.

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Newark

Mr. Moses made a business trip to the city Wednesday.

Mr. Snow has a fine lot of fancy pigeons and pheasants added to his bird collection. They are worth seeing.

Miss Susie B. Brown returned on Monday evening from a visit with friends in Livermore.

Joe McKeown returned from Alaska last week after an absence of four months which he spent in Juneau.

Miss Hazel McCurdy spent the week-end in San Jose.

Mr. Will Patterson made a trip to San Jose the first of the week.

Mrs. Mabel Rathke went to Oakland on Monday.

Mrs. R. Enos and Mrs. M. Silveria spent Thursday in San Jose.

Mrs. Medeiros spent Friday in San Francicso.

Mr. J. Sattler came up on Wednesday to install an oil burner at the B. Brown home.

Manuel Silva and John Dutra had excellent luck on their shooting in the marsh on Tuesday, bringing in a good supply of ducks on Wednesday.

Mr. Benes of San Jose is having a residence built on his property near the Wilfert blacksmith shop. He has his chicken houses already built and will raise fine poultry.

Mrs. Wyatt and daughter Laurena and baby son were passengers Tuesday for Oakland for a few days visit.

Mrs. Frank Costa has been on the sick list for the past few days.

Mrs. Charles Cockefair went to the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Sattler and little daughter have been up from San Francicso spending the week with her mother Mrs. Boles.

Alexander Griffeth has given up his position with the Newark Lumber company to take up a position in Oakland.

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Decoto

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The new residence of John J. Sandholdt near the E. Decoto place is one of the most attractive that has recently been built in Decoo.

Mr. A. E. Bush of San Francisco was in Decoto this week looking after his property.

Mrs. Mary Hayes of Pomona, formerly of Decoto, and well known among the older residents of the valley, is the guest of Mrs. E. Whipple.

Mrs. Nash, one of the old lady residents of the Masonic Home met with a very serious accident last Wednesday. She was going to Decoto to call upon her old friend Mrs. Mary Hayes and while descending the steps in front of the Home, fell and fractured her arm near the shoulder. She was taken to the Alameda sanitarium but owing to her advanced age the injury and shock may prove serious.

E. M. Garin, the energetic farmer from Garin Heights was in Decoto on business Thursday.

The Silva hotel conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Downey Bailey is one of the finest eating places of the township.

The Decoto Chamber of Commerce will hold one of their very pleasant social meetings next Monday evening. This organization although the youngest is one of the most active in the township. A good attendance is hoped for. Several questions of importance are to be discussed.

Irvington

The Irvington Ladies Aid Society met Wednesday afternoon. The ladies are busy with their preparations for their annual bazaar which will be held soon.

Fay Chadbourne was down from Plymouth, Amador County last Monday visiting.

Mrs. H. Ober of Pleasanton is visiting Mrs. A. J. Chadbourne.

W. W. Hirsch has moved into the O. N. Hircsh building near the I. O. O. F. hall.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Reynolds were in San Jose Tuesday.

Mrs. Clay Brewer entertained friends at a birthday party Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. E. M. Grimmer and wife motored to Berkeley Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. C. A. Lutz was in the city Monday.

O. N. Hirsch is now the possessor of a new Rambler Roadster, 1913 model. It is electric lighted and has electric starter and is a very handsome machine.

Mr. E. Morrill has sold his Berkeley property and has bought property in Napa County. He expects to move his family from Irvington in the near future.

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AT THE CHURCHES

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICES AT NILES

In conformity with the usual custom the worshippers of the Congregational church will observe Thanksgiving day next Sunday, Nov. 24.

In the morning the pastor will preach a Thanksgiving sermon and the music will be appropriate to the occasion.

In the evening at 7.45 the choir under the leadership of Mr. R. O. Moyer will give a service of sacred song. The followiing program will be rendered:

Anthem—High Above All Nations —by T. D. Williams; Soprano Solo—The Dawn of Hope—by Krogman, Mrs. R. O. Moyer; Anthem—Venite in G—by T. Edwin Solley; Duett—The Shadows of the Evening Hour—by Rathbun, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Moyer; Anthem—Send Out Thy Light — by Gounod. Short address by pastor.

Everybody cordially invited to worship with us.

Prof. McGee, Physical Instructor in the University of California will give a stereoptican lecture on the Training of the Body on Wednesday evening, November 27 in the gymnasium of the church. Admission free. Everybody invited.

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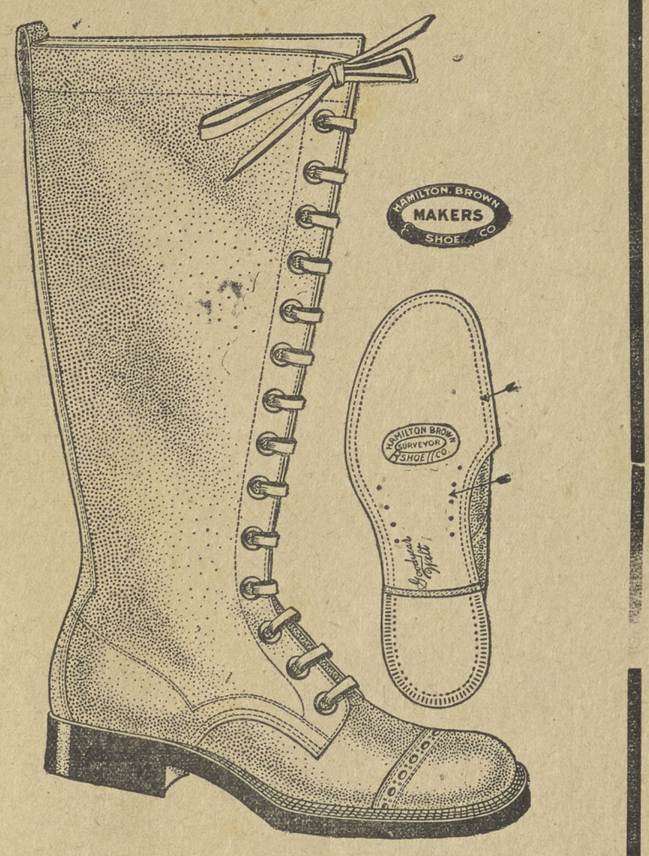

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Alvarado

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Mr. and Mrs. Linderman visited the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Tainton.

Mrs. Dora Richmond entertained the Butt Ins on Tuesday.

Alex Simas who has been on the sick list for some time has gone to Fruitvale to stop with his son Alex.

Mr. A. Lang has been sick for several days this week.

Mr. Nesmith of Centerville is doing the work of plastering on the new Smith cottage.

Mrs. P. Lowrie and Mrs. J. Ralph attended a theatre party in Oakland on Wednesday.

Mrs. E. M. Tainton returned Monday from a visit to San Jose.

Mr. Humphreys of San Francisco spent Sunday at the Ralph home.

Mrs. August May spent Wednesday in San Francisco.

Centerville

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will hold their annual bazaar Saturday, December 7th in Peixotto Hall, Centerville. Many dainty and useful articles, suitable for Christmas gifts, have been prepared for sale. Special efforts are being made to give the children a good time on that afternoon. The public is cordially inxited to attend. It will be open from 2 to 6 o'clock.

The Aid society will meet Tuesday, Nov. 26, at the home of Mrs. Hawley.

There will be service Thanksgiving evening in the Episcopal church at 7:45 o'clock. Miss Beatrice Lernhart will play a violin offertory.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Mowry spent the week end with relatives in San Francisco.

Rev. Mr. Higbie preached in the church of the Advent in Oakland on last Tuesday evening.

Misses Marjorie Huxley and Marion Lynch spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

There was a large, busy and enjoyable meeting of the St. James Guild on Wednesday afternoon at Mrs. W. Walton's. The next meeting in two weeks from that date will be with Mrs. Ames.

The showers of Tuesday have fresh ened the air and the bright days ensuing are delightful.

Motoring parties these charmgin moonlight evenings are quite popular. On Wednesday evening Mr. Dias took out a party consisting of Mrs. Dias, Mrs. Rogers and Miss Lernhart.

Capt. and Mrs. Hansen are entertaining an old friend from San Francisco who has just returned from several months' visit to the Fatherland.He still likes California.

Mrs. G. W. Wright spent the weekend visiting friends in Palo Alto.

Thanksgiving dinner parties will be the chief social functions next week.

Mr. W. M. Hunter have moved into the Porter house.

IRVINGTON

Dr. and Mrs. M. G. Carter and Mrs. Redmond of Los Angeles, visited with Mrs. Power Monday.

Morris Brewer and Tom Power made a business trip to Oakland on Monday.

Mrs. T. Power was a visitor in San Jose Wednesday.

Miss Stella Gordan was a visitor in town.

Niles Notes

The Ladies Guild met at the Congregational church on Wednesday last There was a good attendance, twenty-seven ladies being present. At the business meeting the gymnasium committee and the calling committee made reports. Mrs. Snyder reported last week on account of the Rummage sale. A vote of thanke was extended to Mrs. Lucy Babb for her work in caring for the sale and to Mrs. Jones and Mrs.Sneden for collecting old rubber for sale andshipment. A social was planned to be given January 22. Mrs. Moyer and Miss Stoltz entertained for the afternoon and served cakes, sandwiches and coffee before adjournmnet.

The Union Five Hundred Club met last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. H. E. Mosher. The day was stormy, a few members being absent in consequence. Those who were present spent a jolly afternoon while the clouds lowered outside. Mrs. Haley and Mrs. Gibson had the highest scores at the game, and a pleasant half hour over the refreshments closed the afternoon.

Mrs. Edwin Whipple of Decoto with Mrs. Hayes of Pomona were guests of Mrs. Chittenden at luncheon at Belvoir, in Niles. Mrs. Hayes was a former resident of Decoto.

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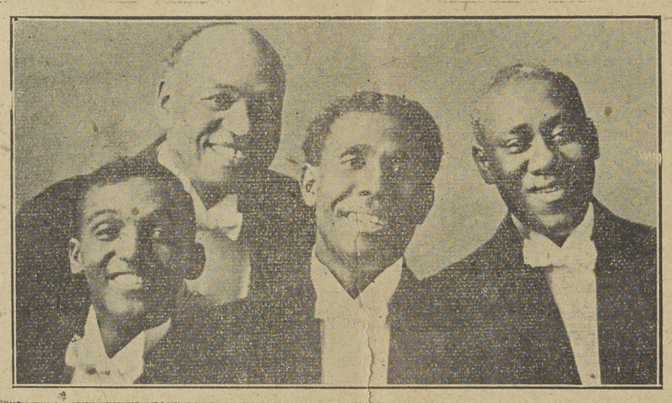

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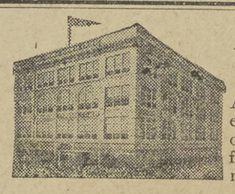

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